FBI to Unwrap JFK Files

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Nearly 14 years after President Kennedy's murder in Dallas the FBI is preparing to make public its massive "assassination file" containing almost all the material it gathered during its investigation of the case.

FBI officials said the first segment of the voluminous 80,000-page JFK file, covering the initial six months of the agency's probe, will be made available this month while the remainder is scheduled for release in December. The disclosures are in response to more than 50 requests for the material under the Freedom of Information Act.

Critics of the official version of events surrounding the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying have sought access to the FBI's raw files almost from the day the Warren Commission concluded Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed the President.

An FBI spokesman said the bureau had been working on the file's preparation for 2½ years.

The disclosure, however, will not include documents the Warren Commission classified which are sealed in the National Archives, the spokesman said. Nor will it include references to data the FBI received from other federal sources such as the Central Intelligence Agency or the Secret Service.

Robert P. Gemberling, a retired Dallas FBI agent who coordinated and analyzed the investigative effort throughout the Kennedy probe, said according to his knowledge of the assassination file there will be no sensational revelations.